

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 34-40, 48-52, and 80-86 were pending. Claims 1-6, 34-40, 48-52, and 80-86 were rejected. Claim 86 is objected to, would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 34, 48, 80, and 86 have been amended. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, a terminal disclaimer has been submitted to overcome the double patenting rejections. Claim 86 has been amended as an independent claim including substantially all limitations of its base and intervening claims. Independent claims 34, 48, and 80 have been amended to include a limitation of claim 86. Thus, independent claims 1, 34, 48, 80, and 86 are allowable. Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims that were allowed and/or objected to.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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